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SUBJECT: VISIT TO PRC BY U.S. PHYSICS GROUP

1. GROUP OF SIX AMERICAN SCIENTISTS AND WIVES DEPARTED HONG KONG SEPTEMBER 18 FOR THREE-WEEK TOUR OF PRC AT THE INVITATION OF THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATION OF THE CHINESE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES. CONGEN OFFICERS BRIEFED GROUP LEADER JOHN S. TOLL, PRESIDENT OF STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT STONY BROOK, AND ROBERT HOFSTADTER, PROFESSORS OF PHYSICS AT STANFORD.

2. TOLL SAID GROUP WAS REFERRED TO BY CHINESE AS "U.S. PHYSICS GROUP." THEY WERE FIRST INVITED LAST SPRING BY WU YU-HSUN, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE CHINESE ASSOCIATION AND OF THE ACADEMY. ALSO IN THE GROUP ARE ROBERT WILSON OF THE FERMI LABORATORY, PROFESSOR MELVIN SCHWARTZ OF STANFORD, AND GEORGE VINEYARD AND MAURICE GOLDBAR OF THE BROOKHOWER LABORATORY. THE VISIT IS IN RETURN FOR A 1973 VISIT TO THE U.S. BY A CHINESE SCIENTIFIC GROUP. THE SCIENTISTS HAVE NOT BEEN TOLD WHAT THEIR ITINERARY WILL BE OR WHEN THEY MAY EXPECT TO REACH PEKING.

3. HOFSTADTER SAID THAT THE CHINESE SCIENTISTS WERE GOING TO BE SEEKING INFORMATION IN RELATION TO A DECISION AS TO WHAT KIND OF ACCELERATORS THEY SHOULD BE USING
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AND THIS WOULD BE DISCUSSED WITH THE CHINESE HIGH ENERGY

INSTITUTE IN PEKING. THE GROUP HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED BY
AEC TO RELEASE TO THE PRC SCIENTISTS INFORMATION ON
LASER FUSION NOT PREVIOUSLY GIVEN TO ANY OTHER COUNTRY.
THEY WILL BE SEEKING TO OBTAIN FOR THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE
OF PHYSICS RECOGNITION AS THE OFFICIAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE
TRANSLATORS FOR ACADEMICA SINICA, A TASK WHICH IT IS
FULLY STAFFED AND EQUIPPED TO UNDERTAKE.

4. AT OUR SUGGESTION, AND THAT OF THE DEPARTMENT, THE
U.S. PHYSICS GROUP WILL CALL AT USLO WHEN THEY REACH
PEKING.
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